Dewan's reply.—This will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 419.

District Forest for Hoskote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is no District Forest in the Hoskote Taluk. Much inconvenience is felt from want of firewood. Byala and other suitable trees are, however, available in parts, but people are not allowed to cut them. The people of the villages in the neighbourhood stealthily cut the wood and sell. The Government should allow the people to take on payment, wood just sufficient for their domestic purposes and levy a rate of six annas per cart-load if necessary.

Dewan's reply.—Existing rules provide for this.

Subject No. 420.

Loans to Inamdars for Tank work.

Summary of discussion.—From various causes, owners of Inam villages are, in many cases, in an impoverished condition, and their estates are deteriorating for want of timely expenditure on the maintenance of their tanks. Government loans should be given for such work on the security of the estates, and Government help in the shape of professional advice and preparation of plans and estimates.

Dewan's reply.—Orders exist. Apply in individual cases.

Subject No. 421.

Hoskote-Sulibele Road.

Summary of discussion.—The road from the Travellers' Bungalow at Hoskote to Sulibele is not yet completed. Bridges have not been built. This has caused inconvenience to the people. The work should be soon completed.

The Deputy Commissioner explained that the District Board provided Rs. 2,000 for it and that the Government had sanctioned Rs. 1,000.

Dewan's reply.—The work is under construction.

Subject No. 422.

Vendors' Endorsements on sold stamp papers.

Summary of discussion.—As a means of preventing forgery and fraud, the old practice of the Stamp Vendor endorsing, on a sold stamp paper, the purpose for which it is purchased as well as the date of sale and name of purchaser and keeping a Register thereof, should be revived.

Dewan's reply.—This is not necessary. The better plan would be to require registration of *all* documents. Such registration of accomplished facts would be more useful and effective than registration of mere intentions.

Subject No. 423.

Railway Station required near Tyamagondlu.

Summary of discussion.—The State Railway passes within a mile from Tyamagondlu. If a Station be built near the bridge at Karahalli, trade and traffic would be much facilitated. Tyamagondlu is now four miles from the Stations at Nidavanda and Doddábele, and the roads are not safe. On a representation to the Southern Mahratta Railway Company, the authorities inspected the place and gave the people some hopes. Now they say that a station cannot be established without Government orders. These should be kindly issued.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will be requested to refer the subject to the Railway Department.

Subject No. 424.

Land for Tyamagondlu town extension.

Summary of discussion.—The subject of giving out certain garden lands for the extension of Tyamagondlu has been pending for the past four years. The delay is causing inconvenience to applicants for building sites. The Deputy Commissioner should be ordered to dispose of the matter early.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner says that he is going to inspect the spot personally and will expedite.

Subject No. 425.

Municipal Jamabandi by Municipal Commissioners.

Summary of discussion.—At present, Shanbhogs and Shekdars prepare the Mohatarfa and other Municipal Jamabandi accounts as they please, and sometimes take the signatures of some Municipal Commissioners at the time of Taluk Jamabandi without giving them an opportunity for closely examining them and without any other independent check. This affords much cause for complaint on the score of improper assessments, &c. Therefore, arrangements should be made by which, Municipal Commissioners should be kept informed, from time to time, of darkhasts and razinamas and all other causes of variations in the Municipal Jamabandi, and they should be required to attest the Jamabandi Proceedings (tanaka-pattis) and otherwise take an active interest in and be responsible for the Jamabandi. Whoever is not capable of doing this work, should not be a Municipal Commissioner.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner says that Municipal Members are, as a rule, consulted by Amildars in such matters.

Subject No. 426.

Patels and Shanbhogues as Municipal Commissioners.

Summary of discussion.—If the village officials are appointed as Municipal Members, both the functions will be combined in one person. This is objectionable.

Dewan's reply.—We cannot disqualify Patels and Shanbhogs for Municipal membership.

Subject No. 427.

Execution of Municipal works.

Summary of discussion.—It should be laid down that in Municipalities such works as are approved of by the members should alone be sanctioned; that their execution should be supervised by members, and that payment should be made only upon the contractor's producing a member's certificate that the work has been well done.

Dewan's reply.—This is being done generally.

Subject No. 428.

Cultivation in village sites.

Summary of discussion.—Cultivation of garden and mulberry crops in village sites within Municipal limits affords shelter to snakes, wild beasts and robbers, and should be prohibited.

Dewan's reply.—No general order is possible. The Municipality must decide in each case.